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SECRETED EXPRESSED SEQUENCE TAGS (sESTs)

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides novel polynucleotides which are expressed sequence tags (ESTs) for secreted proteins.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Gargantuan efforts have been employed by various investigational projects to randomly sequence portions of naturally-occurring cDNAs. The rationale behind this approach to identification and sequencing genes is founded in two basic principles: (1) that transcribed cDNAs represent the product of the most important genes, namely those that are actually expressed *in vivo*, and (2) that efforts to sequence genes and other portions of the genome of target organisms which are not actually expressed wastes substantial effort on areas not likely to yield genetic information of therapeutic importance. Thus, the high-throughput sequencing efforts focus on only those portions of the genome which are expressed. The randomly produced cDNA sequences represent "expressed sequence tags" or "ESTs", which identify and can be used as probes for the longer, full-length cDNA or genomic sequence from which they were transcribed.

Although this "shortcut" approach to genomic sequencing presents savings of effort compared to sequencing of the complete genome, it still produced a vast array of ESTs which may not be directly useful as protein therapeutics. To date, the majority of protein-related drug discovery has focused on the use of secreted proteins to produce a desired therapeutic effect. Since the EST approach theoretically identifies all expressed proteins, it produces an EST library which contains a mixture of secreted proteins (such as hormones, cytokines and receptors) and non-secreted proteins (such as, for example, metabolic enzymes and cellular structural proteins), without identifying which ESTs correspond to proteins falling into either category. As a result, these methods are not optimally tailored to the needs of investigators searching for secreted proteins because they must separate the secreted "wheat" from the non-secreted "chaff", wasting effort and resources in the process.

Co-assigned U.S. Patent No. 5,536,637, which is incorporated herein by reference, provides methods for focusing genomic sequencing efforts on sequences encoding the secreted proteins which are of most interest for identification of protein therapeutics. The '637 patent discloses a "signal sequence trap" which selectively identifies ESTs for secreted

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proteins, namely "secreted expressed sequence tags" or "sESTs". It is to these sESTs that the present invention is directed.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides for sESTs isolated from a variety of human RNA/cDNA sources.

In preferred embodiments, the present invention provides an isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID 10 NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEO ID NO:25, SEO ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:31, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:33, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ 15 ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:49, SEQ ID NO:50, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:54, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:56, SEQ ID NO:57, SEQ ID NO:58, SEQ ID NO:59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ 20 ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71, SEQ ID NO:72, SEQ ID NO:73, SEQ ID NO:74, SEQ ID NO:75, SEQ ID NO:76, SEQ ID NO:77, SEQ ID NO:78, SEQ ID NO:79, SEQ ID NO:80, SEQ 25 ID NO:81, SEQ ID NO:82, SEQ ID NO:83, SEQ ID NO:84, SEQ ID NO:85, SEQ ID NO:86, SEQ ID NO:87, SEQ ID NO:88, SEQ ID NO:89, SEQ ID NO:90, SEQ ID NO:91, SEQ ID NO:92, SEQ ID NO:93, SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:95, SEQ ID NO:96, SEQ ID NO:97, SEQ ID NO:98, SEQ ID NO:99, SEQ ID NO:100. SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID 30 NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO:110, SEQ ID NO:111, SEQ ID NO:112, SEQ ID NO:113, SEQ ID NO:114, SEQ ID NO:115, SEQ ID NO:116, SEQ ID NO:117, SEQ ID NO:118, SEQ ID NO:119, SEQ ID NO:120, SEQ ID NO:121, SEQ ID NO:122, SEQ ID NO:123, SEQ ID NO:124, SEQ ID NO:125, SEQ ID NO:126, SEQ ID NO:127,

TGGCTCACTC	AATGACCTCC	AGTTCTTTAG	ATACAACAGT	AAAGACAGGA	AGTCTCAGCC	240
CATGGGACTC	TGGAGACAGG	TGGAAGGAAT	GGAGGATTGG	AAGCAGGACA	GCCAACTTCA	300
GAAGGCCAGG	GAGGACATCT	TTATGGAGAC	CCTGAAAGAC	ATCGTGGAGT	ATTACAACGA	360
CAGTAACGGG	TCTCACGTAT	TGCAGGGAAG	GTTTGGTTGT	GAGATCGAGA	ATAACAGAAG	420
			TGGAAAGGAC			469

- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:484:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 516 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
 - (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:484:

GAATTCGGCC	AAAGAGGCCT	ACTACTTCTG	TAGTCTCATC	TTGAGTAAAA	GAGAACCCAG	60
			ATCTTGGCTC			120
GCTGATTCAT	CTGAAGAGTA	TGGGTATGGC	CCTTATCAGC	CAGTTCCAGA	ACAACCACTA	180
TACCCACAAC	CATACCAACC	ACAATACĆAA	CCTGCCTCAA	GGTCCTCCAC	CTCCTCCAGG	240
AAAGCCACAA	GGACCACCCC	CACAAGGAGG	CAACAAACCT	CAAGGTCCCC	CACCTCCAGG	300
AAAGCCACAA	CGACCACCCC	CACAAGGAGG	CAGCAAGTCC	CGAAGTTCTC	GATCTCCTCC	360
			AGGCAACAAA			420
AGGAAAGCCA	CAAGGACCAC	CCCCACAAGG	AGGCAGCAAG	TCCCGAAGTG	CCCGATCTCC	480
TCCAGGAAAG	CCACAAGGAC	CATCCCACAA	CTCGAG			516

- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:485:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 357 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
 - (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:485:

GAATTCGGCC AAAGAGGG	CCT ACTTCACTTC	AGCTTCACTG	ACTTCTTGAC	TCTCCTCTTG	60
AGTAAAAGGA CTCAGCC	AAC TATGAAGTTT	TTTGTCTTTG	CTTTAGTCTT	GGCTCTCATG	120
ATTTCCATGA TTAGCGCT	rga ttcacatgaa	AAGAGACATC	ATGGGTATAG	AAGAAAATTC	180
CATGAAAAGC ATCATTC	ACA TCGAGAATTT	CCATTTTATG	GGGACTGTGG	ATCAAATTAT	240
CTATATGACA ATTGATAT	CC TTAGTAATCA	TGGGGCATGA	TTATAGAGGT	TTGACTGGCA	300
AATTCACTTT TACTCATT	TTA TTCTCATTCA	TCACACCGCA	AGTCTAGGCC	TCTCGAG	357

- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:486:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 643 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
 - (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:486: